



November 9, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* disclosure pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b) in WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, and 09-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 8, 2017, Gloria Tristani, Special Policy Advisor for the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC), spoke via telephone call with Travis Litman, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, to discuss the Lifeline Fourth Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry (*Draft Lifeline Item*) on the November 16, 2017 Open Meeting Agenda.

Ms. Tristani described why NHMC and members of other public interest and advocacy organizations had recently visited offices of the FCC Chairman and other FCC Commissioners to discuss numerous concerns regarding the *Draft Lifeline Item*.

Ms. Tristani also raised serious concerns about the treatment of Tribal Nations in the *Draft Lifeline Item* given the FCC 2000 Tribal Policy Statement's (Tribal Policy Statement) recognition of the federal government's trust responsibility to and government-to-government relationship with recognized tribes. The *Draft Lifeline Item* changes the availability of enhanced Lifeline support to rural areas, eliminates enhanced Lifeline support for non-facilities based Lifeline providers, and proposes other changes which would have significant consequences on the availability of Lifeline for Tribes and Tribal members.

Finally, Ms. Tristani raised the procedural issue that there had not been meaningful consultation as required by the Tribal Policy Statement and specifically as to the stated goal that, "the Commission, in accordance with the federal government's trust responsibility, and to the extent practicable, will consult with Tribal governments prior to implementing any regulatory action or policy that will significantly or uniquely affect Tribal governments, and land and resources."

I respectfully submit this notice of ex parte meeting pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Francella', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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